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SUBJ : HEAD OF STATE CHANGES HIS NAME

1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED BY SUPREME MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 5, NIGERIA'S NEW HEAD OF STATE BRIGADIER MURTALA RUFai MOHAMMED OFFICIALLY CHANGED HIS NAME TO MURTALA RAMAT MUHAMMED.

2. THIS VERSION OF HEAD OF STATE'S NAME IS NOT NEW; HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO DAO AS "MURITALA RAMAT MUHAMMED" SINCE AT LEAST 1966. IN NEWS STORIES SINCE COUP, HOWEVER, NAME HAS BEEN GIVEN AS "RUFai MOHAMMED." SIGNIFICANCE OF CHANGE PERHAPS BEST LEFT TO ARABIC EXPERTS (DOES RAMAT MEAN "BRIGHT STAR"?) SINCE NEITHER "FUFai" NOR "RAMAT" IS HAUSA WORD.
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